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SUBJECT: LORENZ KIDNAPPING: MORE CORRESPONDENCE

REF: USBERLIN 401

1. POLICE, PRISONERS ASSEMBLED IN FRANKFURT, AND  
LORENZ KIDNAPPERS IN BERLIN EXCHANGED MESSAGES DURING  
THE EARLY HOURS OF MONDAY, MARCH 3. SHORTLY BEFORE

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0400 INGRID SIEPMANN ONE OF THE PRISONERS WHO HAD BEEN FLOWN  
TO FRANKFURT FROM BERLIN MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY

RADIO: QUOTE CONTRARY TO THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF OFTHE STATE APPARATUS THAT THEY ARE DOING EVERYTHING FOR THE SAFE RELEASE OF PETER LORENZ, THEY ARE DECEIVING AND CONFUSING WHEREVER THEY CAN. OUR FIRST MEETING TOOK PLACE SUNDAY EVENING AT 2215. SOMEWHAT LATER A TELEPHONE CALL CAME FROM GABRIELE KROECHER, IN WHICH SHE STATED THAT, ON THE SAME NIGHT SHE ANNOUNCED ON TAGESSSHAU HER DECISION NOT TO LEAVE, SHE RETRACTED THAT DECISION. SHE WANTED TO BE TRANSFERRED AT ONCE TO FRANKFURT -- WHICH PASTOR ALBERTZ CAN CONFIRM -- IN ORDER TO BE FLOWN OUT WITH US. ACCORDING TO THE STATE SECURITY AUTHORITIES AT 0250, SHE IS ALREADY ON THE WAY TO FRANKFURT. UNQUOTE

2. IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS ALBERTZ ALSO ISSUED A STATEMENT. QUOTE YES, I WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM THAT FRAU GABRIELE KROECHER HAS ALSO TOLD ME THAT SHE WISHES TO BE TRANSFERRED TO FRANKFURT WITH THE OTHER PRISONERS. FIVE PRISONERS HAVE NOW DECLARED THEIR DESIRE TO BE FLOWN OUT. UNFORTUNATELY, THE DESTINATION OF THE FLIGHT REMAINS UNCLEAR. UNQUOTE

3. THE POLICE THEN ADDRESSED THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE LORENZ KIDNAPPERS BY TELEVISION AT 0430: QUOTE YOU HAVE NOW HEARD THE DECLARATION OF THE PRISONERS. NOW WE FINALLY NEED TO KNOW A DESTINATION. TELL US THE NAME OF THE ARCHITECT OF PETER LORENZ'S HOUSE. UNQUOTE

4. THE KIDNAPPERS' REPLY WAS PROMPT. FOLLOWING ANOTHER ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL, POLICE AT 0800 MARCH 3 FOUND A LETTER CONTAINING MESSAGE NUMBER FIVE IN A PUBLIC MAIL BOX. INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

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NOTIFICATION NUMBER 5

1. WE ARE NOT NAMING THE DESTINATION. THE PILOT  
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WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS IN THE AIR.

2. THE ULTIMATUM WILL BE EXTENDED ONE HOUR, THAT IS UNTIL 1000.

3. THAT IS, ON THE TAGESSSCHAU NEWS AT 1000 HRS, THE GOING ABOARD OF THE FIVE COMRADES AND HEINRICH ALBERTZ IS TO BE BRADCAST. AT THE SAME TIME THEIR MESSAGE OF 0400 HRS MONDAY MUST BE BROADCAST.

4. THE BOEING 707 MUST HAVE A FULL TAK AND A  
CREW OF FOUR.

5. HEINRICH ALBERTZ IS NOT A HOSTAGE.

6. PETER LORENZ AND WE ARE AWAITING THE UNDELAYED  
DEPARTURE OF THE FIVE COMRADES AND HEINRICH ALBERTZ.

2 JUNE MOVEMENT (SIGNED)

THE CODE WORD IS GERHARD GROSS, CALLED GERD.

END TEXT.

5. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED IN A FAST - DEVELOPONG SITUATION  
OVER A WEEKEND, NOT ALL COMMUNICATIONS WERE RECEIVED  
AT THE INTENDED TIME AND THE KIDNAPPERS MUST HAVE BEEN  
WONDERING AT TIMES IF THEIR MESSAGES WERE GETTING  
THROUGH OR IF THE POLICE WERE PLAYING GAMES WITH THEM.  
MONDAY MORNING WHEN RATHAUS OFFICES REOPENED, A LETTER  
WAS FOUND IN THE REGULAR OFFICE MAIL CONTAINING A COPY  
OF KIDNAPPERS' MESSAGE NUMBER ONE AND LORENZ'S  
IDENTIFICATION CARD AND DRIVER'S LICENSE. THE ENVELOPE  
HAD APPARENTLY ARRIVED FRIDAY BUT WITH EVERYONE  
Distracted by kidnapping and election. had remained  
UNOPENED UNTIL THIS MORNING, MARCH 3.  
GEORGE

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